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RESPONSE

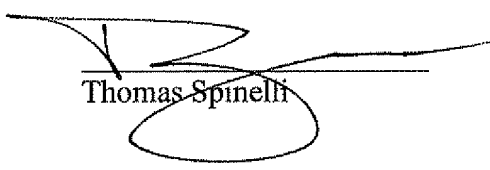
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 25, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

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